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SUBJ: VISIT OF EEC PROGRAMMING MISSION

1. A 7-MAN EEC PROGRAMMING MISSION VISITED MONROVIA DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER 8. EMBOFF LEARNED FROM MEMBER OF MISSION THAT LIBERIA CAN EXPECT ABOUT \$20-25 MILLION IN GRANT AID OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS (1976-1979) UNDER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY EEC. ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE, LIBERIA FALLS UNDER CATEGORY OF QTE NOT SO POOR UNQTE AMONG 46 COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER LOME CONVENTION. GOL MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PRESENTED LIST OF PROJECTS REQUIRING MORE THAN \$130 MILLION TO IMPLEMENT. MISSION WILL TENTATIVELY RECOMMEND EEC FINANCE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PROJECTS:

A. ASSISTANCE TO SMALL INDEPENDENT FARMERS TO MAKE COUNTRY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN STAPLE FOODS.

B. CONSTRUCTION OF 8 SMALL HOSPITALS AND 15 HEALTH CENTERS TO IMPROVE HEALTH OF RURAL POPULATION.

C. ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SCHOOL, PROBABLY AT HARPER, TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE TRAINING TO FEW CAREFULLY SELECTED

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D. CONSTRUCTION OF SOME LATERITE FEEDER ROADS.

2. SOURCE EXPECTS 4-MAN EEC MISSION CONSISTING OF CHIEF, AGRONOMIST, ECONOMIST AND ENGINEER TO BE SET UP IN MONROVIA BY END OF MARCH 1976 TO COORDINATE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOL-EEC AGREED-UPON PROJECTS.

3. COMMENT: GOL HAD HOPED TO OBTAIN SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE FROM EEC WHEN GOL RATIFIED LOME CONVENTION IN FEBRUARY 1975. MODEST AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMING MISSION HAS IN MIND FOR LIBERIA WILL PROBABLY BE DISAPPOINTING TO GOL. ON OTHER HAND GOL MAY BE CONSOLED BY FACT THAT IT HAS RECEIVED OR IS RECEIVING BILATERAL ASSISTANCE FROM FOUR EEC MEMBERS: FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, UNITED KINGDOM, AND FRANCE.
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